

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN TOM ZOOK**, on March 8, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 312 - 2 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Tom Zook, Chairman (R)
Rep. Joe Quilici, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Steve Vick, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Beverly Barnhart (D)
Rep. Ernest Bergsagel (R)
Rep. Peggy Bergsagel (R)
Rep. Rosalie (Rosie) Buzzas (D)
Rep. John Cobb (R)
Rep. Stan Fisher (R)
Rep. Dick Haines (R)
Rep. Royal Johnson (R)
Rep. Betty Lou Kasten (R)
Rep. Matt McCann (D)
Rep. Red Menahan (D)
Rep. Ray Peck (D)
Rep. Lila Taylor (R)
Rep. Joe Tropila (D)
Rep. John Witt (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Joanne Gunderson, Committee Secretary
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed. Minutes were recorded on a Sony BI-85 machine and references are measured in inches rather than minutes.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB4, HB302, HB524, HB627, HB631, HB602,
HB612, HB621, HB 622, 2/23/1999

Executive Action: HB 524, HB 627, HB 631

HEARING ON HB 4

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Lila Taylor, HD 5, presented HB 4. **EXHIBIT**(aph52a01)
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 32}

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 32 - Tape : 2; Side :
A; Approx. Time Counter : 432} **EXHIBIT**(aph52a02)

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 432 - 436}

HEARING ON HB 302

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Billie Krenzler, HD 17, presented HB 302. **EXHIBIT**(aph52a03)
EXHIBIT(aph52a04)

Proponents' Testimony:

Dr. Peter Blouke, Director, Department of Commerce
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 436 - 445; Comments :
There is a portion of this testimony that is not on tape.}

Robyn Hampton, Micro Business Finance, Department of Commerce
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 445 ~~EXHIBIT~~(aph52a05)
EXHIBIT(aph52a06)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 230}

Further Proponent:

Ellen Engstedt, Human Resource Development Councils
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 230 - 248}

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 248 - 326}

HEARING ON HB 524

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Bill Eggers, HD 6, presented HB 524.

Proponents' Testimony:

Jim Edgcomb, Manager, Treasure State Endowment Program,
Department of Commerce **EXHIBIT**(aph52a07)
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 326 - 385}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 385 - Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 51}

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 51 - 62}

HEARING ON HB 627

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Joan Hurdle, HD 13, presented HB 627. **EXHIBIT**(aph52a08)
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 62 - 114}

Proponents' Testimony:

John Connor, Chief, Special Prosecutions Bureau, Department of Justice
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 114 - 153}

Bill Hooks, Appellate Defenders Office

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 153 - 213}

Sandy Selvey, Yellowstone County Public Defender **EXHIBIT**(aph52a09)
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 213 - 303}

Jeff Lynch, Attorney, Great Falls

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 303 - 367}

Randi Hood, Lewis and Clark County Public Defender

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 367 - 415}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 415 - Side : B;
Approx. Time Counter : 239}

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 239 - 253}

HEARING ON HB 631

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. William "Bill" Rehbein, Jr., HD 100, presented HB 631.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 253 - 303}

Proponents' Testimony:

Kim Dunlop, College of Technology, Great Falls **EXHIBIT**(aph52a10)

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 303 - 398}

Debbie Linsford, College of Technology, Great Falls

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 398 - 495}

Arlene Hannawalt, Director, Montana Guaranteed Student Loan
Program **EXHIBIT**(aph52a11)

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - **EXHIBIT**(aph52a12)}

Willie Thorton, College of Technology, Great Falls

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 51 - 96}

Rep. Diana Wyatt, Cascade County

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 96 - 135}

Gloria Paladicheck, Richland Economic Development Council

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 135 - 150}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 150 - 250}

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 250 - 290; Comments :
The committee recessed until 2:30 PM.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 631

Motion/Vote: REP. VICK moved that HB 631 BE TABLED. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 290 - 321}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 627

Motion/Vote: REP. KASTEN moved that HB 627 BE TABLED. Motion carried 15-1 with Johnson voting no.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 321 - 435}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 4

Motion: REP. KASTEN moved that HB 4 DO PASS.

Discussion:

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 435 - 454}

Motion: REP. KASTEN moved that HB 4 BE AMENDED. **EXHIBIT**(aph52a13)

Discussion:

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 454 - 499}

Rep. Kasten withdrew the motions.

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 5}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 524

Motion: REP. JOHNSON moved that HB 524 DO PASS.

Motion: REP. JOHNSON moved that HB 524 BE AMENDED.

Discussion:

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 5 - 60}

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 60 - 62}

Motion: REP. JOHNSON moved that HB 524 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 62 - 110}

Vote: Motion carried 11-7 by Roll Call Vote.

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 110 - 121}

HEARING ON HB 602

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Carolyn Squires, HD 68, presented HB 602.

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 121 - 193}

Proponents' Testimony:

Raquel Castellonos, Working for Equality and Economic Liberation (WEEL)

EXHIBIT(aph52a14)

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 193 - 495; Comments :

Exhibit 14 consists of 14 letters of support.} EXHIBIT(aph52a15)

EXHIBIT(aph52a16)

Tanya Hamlin

{Tape : 5; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 1 - 37}

Colleen Murphy, National Association of Social Workers

{Tape : 5; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 37 - 74}

Greg Daly, Public Health Social Worker

{Tape : 5; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 74 - 182}

Kate Cholewa, Montana Women's Lobby

{Tape : 5; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 182 - 247}

Rebekah Lunsford

EXHIBIT(aph52a17)

{Tape : 5; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 247 - 284}

Russell LaVigne, People's Law Center

EXHIBIT(aph52a18)

{Tape : 5; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 284 - 322}

Carson Strege, Montana People's Action

EXHIBIT(aph52a19)

{Tape : 5; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 322 -

335}EXHIBIT(aph52a20)

Michelle Hines, Carroll Student

EXHIBIT(aph52a21)

{Tape : 5; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 335 - 351}

Opponents' Testimony:

Hank Hudson, Administrator, Human Community Services Division,

Department of Health and Human Services

EXHIBIT(aph52a22)

*{Tape : 5; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 351 - Side : B;
Approx. Time Counter : 114}*

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

*{Tape : 5; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 114 - Tape : 6: Side
: A; Approx. Time Counter : 184}*

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 6; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 184 - 216}

HEARING ON HB 612

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Brennan Ryan, HD 41, presented HB 612.

{Tape : 6; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 216 - 247}

Proponents' Testimony:

Pat Clinch, Montana Professional Fire Fighters **EXHIBIT**(aph52a23)

{Tape : 6; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 247 - 300}

Mike O'Connor, Public Employee Retirement System

{Tape : 6; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 300 - 336}

Rick Silva, Montana ANG Fire District

{Tape : 6; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 336 - 385}

Doug Neil, Montana State Firemen's Association

{Tape : 6; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 385 - 399}

Tim Sayles, Missoula Rural Fire Districts

{Tape : 6; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 399 - 433}

Curt Belts, Missoula Rural Fire Districts

{Tape : 6; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 433 - 480}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

*{Tape : 6; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 480 - Side : B;
Approx. Time Counter : 27}*

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 6; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 27 - 36}

HEARING ON HB 621

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. John Witt, Hd 89, presented HB 621.

{Tape : 6; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 36 - 60}

Proponents' Testimony:

Ted Newman, Spaceport, Montana

{Tape : 6; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 60 - 154}

Gary Blair, Spaceport, Montana

{Tape : 6; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 154 - 225}

Tim Ryan, High Plains Development Authority

{Tape : 6; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 225 - 264}

Andy Poole, Department of Commerce

{Tape : 6; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 264 - 277}

Rep. Joe Tropila, HD 47

{Tape : 6; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 277 - 302}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 6; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 302 - 472}

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 6; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 472 - Tape : 7; Side : A.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:40 P.M.

REP. TOM ZOOK, Chairman

JOANNE GUNDERSON, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (aph52aad)